WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control system for user control of an apparatus, wherein the system comprises:

- a generator for supplying data to enable display of a control menu for control of the apparatus on a display monitor;

- a first interface coupled between the generator and a data network for enabling the data to be transmitted to a remote location;

- a second interface coupled between the data network and the apparatus for receipt of a user command from the remote location via the data network for control of the apparatus.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the generator is integrated with the apparatus.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein:

- the apparatus comprises a video recording device; and
- the first interface comprises a video capture device.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the first interface comprises a home server.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the second interface comprises a home server

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the second interface comprises an IR blaster.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the second interface comprises an RF blaster.

8. A software application for running on a home server to enable user remote control of an apparatus, the application redirecting data for an on-screen menu for control of the apparatus to a remote location on a data network.

9. The application of claim 8, comprising control script for driving an IR blaster local to the apparatus.

10. The application of claim 8, comprising a control script for driving an RF transmitter local to the apparatus.

11. A method of enabling a user to control an apparatus from a remote location via a data network, comprising:

- enabling the user to retrieve a control menu via a data network for control of the apparatus via a display monitor; and
- enabling an interaction of the user with the control menu to cause, via the data network, an associated command to be sent to the apparatus from a transmitter local to the apparatus.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein:

- the apparatus is controllable via a server local to the apparatus; and

- the enabling of an interaction of the user with the control menu also causes, via the data network, the activating of a script residing on the server.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the script is customized.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein:

- the apparatus is controllable via a server local to the apparatus; and
- the enabling of an interaction of the user with the control menu also causes, via the data network, the supplying of an input to a software application running on the server.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the application is customized.